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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING WOUND
DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**

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DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.131, I, Pamela Hardison, make the following
declaration for use in the above-captioned case:

1.

My name is Pamela K. Hardison and I am of legal age and competent
to give this declaration, and I make this declaration on the basis of my
personal knowledge.

2.

On December 17, 2002, I conceived of the above-referenced invention. The next day I reduced the invention to practice and began interviewing patent attorneys and obtaining funds to proceed with protecting my invention.

3.

On June 27, 2003, I met with Thomas R. Williamson III, of the law firm of Myers & Kaplan Intellectual Property Law, LLC, and authorized a patentability search and opinion.

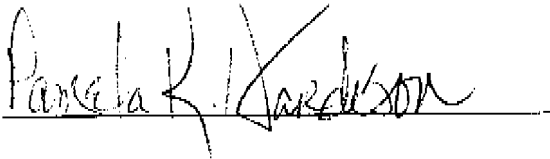
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Upon reviewing the patentability opinion received approximately three weeks later, I authorized the preparation and filing of the instant patent application.

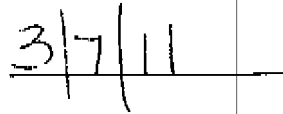
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the

knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Pamela K. Hardison

A handwritten date "3/7/11" written over a horizontal line.

Date